

**SANITATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ROOM 210
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT**

Members Present: Chair Seb Santacroce
Thomas Goglia
John Uccello
Monica J. Belyea, MPH, RD

Absent: Bobbye Knoll Peterson

Staff Present: William J. Russo, Public Works Director
Jeffrey Daniels, Mechanic II, Public Works Department
James Tatro, Mechanic II, Public Works Department

Chair Santacroce opened the Sanitation Commission meeting at 4:00 P.M. He requested a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2016. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Russo stated that item 3b will be discussed before item 3a.

- a. Request For Appropriation For New Garbage Truck – Director Russo stated that after receiving the Sanitation Commission’s approval, he will then have to present the request for appropriation to the Finance & Government Commission. After that, the Common Council will have to approve this appropriation.

A motion was made to approve the appropriation in the amount of \$40,500.00 for the purchase of the garbage truck. Director Russo stated that any remaining funds leftover will go into the fund balance. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- b. Purchase Of New Garbage Truck – Director Russo stated that a new garbage truck would cost around \$220,000.00-\$250,000.00. After reaching out to various vendors, a salesman from Jukonski Truck Sales on Newfield Street ended up locating a pre-owned 2008 Mack LE613 25-yard garbage truck with the mileage reading 60,511 and 8,500 hours for a total cost of \$40,500.00. This truck will replace a 1997 Mack rear-loader.

Director Russo stated that Jeffrey Daniels has been a mechanic at the City Yard for nineteen years, along with James Tatro whom is also a mechanic but newer to the City. James Tatro stated that Jeff and himself traveled down to New York and did a front to back preventative maintenance inspection on the truck. An ECM computer was used to track mileage, hours and other important aspects on the truck. There was a bit of rust that was mostly surface rust that will come off, but overall the truck was clean and the frame was solid.

Monica Belyea asked how much it would cost to retrofit with back end. James stated that they are still in the process of getting prices. There is a spare truck that can be used for parts towards the retrofitting. The mechanics are deciding whether or not to do the retrofitting in-house or to hire out.

A motion was made to accept the garbage truck as a bid waiver to go to the Common Council. Motion was seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. John Ward's Response Letter – Director Russo stated that this item was brought up in the last Sanitation Commission meeting. He just wanted to update the commission on the response that was given. According to the ordinance, the Sanitation Commission does not have the authority to go back further than one billing cycle, which is six months. Section 253-22(B) of the Code states that “[i]t shall be the property owner’s responsibility to identify and protest incorrect bills to the Sanitation District within the month (May or November) that such bill is issued.” For this reason, the commission cannot adjust any other bill, especially one dating back to 2008.
- b. Cardboard Report – The commission discussed the cardboard report.
- c. Tonnage Report – Director Russo stated that this year, the City is averaging 533.3 tons a month and 6,399 per year. This is \$10,300.00 in pocket that does not go to the plant. The commission further discussed tonnage and annual savings.

OTHER:

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The Sanitation Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:43 P.M.